

Parents Newsletter

November 2024



We Are Strong And Better Together!

PBIS Expectations

R- Respect

O- Ownership

A- Act Safe

R- Responsible

"Through SEL and PBIS, we teach not only academic skills but also essential life skills, preparing students for success in school and beyond."



From Mrs. Rivera's Desk

Dear Families,

I want to take a moment to thank you for being an integral part of our school community. It is a privilege to work alongside families who are so supportive, involved, and committed to their children's education and well-being.

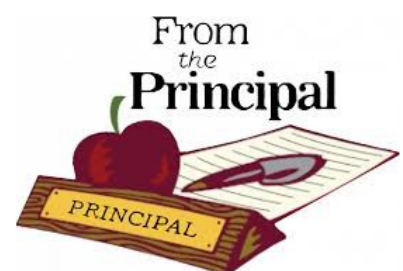
This year, I am reminded of how much we accomplish together.

Your trust, partnership, and ongoing engagement with our school help us create an environment where students thrive. Whether you volunteer your time, support your child's learning, or simply be part of our community, please know how grateful we are for your presence and contributions.

We are thankful for your continued support and look forward to all the wonderful things we will accomplish together in the future.

Mrs. Rivera

Principal



What's Happening In Our Building?

2024 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Family-Focused Learning Readiness Event!
3 No Miss November Attendance Challenge	4	5 No School Election Day	6	7 All-School Assembly Family-Focused Learning Readiness Event!	8	9
10 No Miss November Attendance Challenge	11	12 Screening and Vision Re-Screening	13	14	15	16
17 No Miss November Attendance Challenge	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 No Miss November Attendance Challenge	25 PBIS Reward Movie Party (4th-8th)	26 PBIS Reward Movie Party (ECSE-3rd)	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30

Updates

No Miss November Attendance Challenge

From November 4 to December 6 the class with more perfect attendance will win a prize. Motivate your child/children to win the prize. Let's be everyday in the school!

NO MISS November ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

You are invited to participate in this month's attendance challenge

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4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12 13 14 15 16
17 18 19 20 21 22 23
24 25 26 27 28 29 30
1 2 3 4 5 6

The class with the highest number of perfect attendance will win a prize!!!!

Help your class win by coming to school everyday

Challenge starts 11/4/24-12/6/24

Lets strive for Perfect Attendance Goal: 25 days

No-School

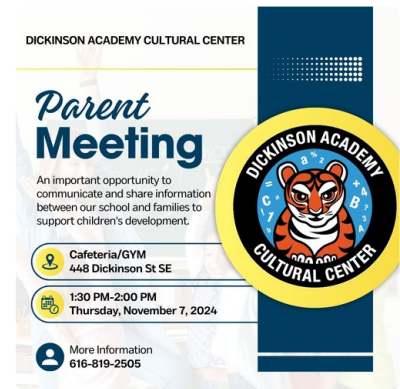
November 5 is **Election Day**, which means there is **NO SCHOOL** on that day. Scholars stay at home.

No-School

November 5, 2024

Parent Meeting

On **Thursday, November 7 at 1:30 pm**, we will be holding our monthly Parent Meeting in our Cafeteria/Gym to discuss important topics. An invitation will be sent home with your children. **There will be a raffle at the end of the meeting.** We look forward to seeing you.



All School Assembly

On **Thursday, November 7, from 2:00 p.m.**, we will celebrate our monthly School Assembly, to which our parents are invited. We will also celebrate our Scholars of the Month, Artist of the Month, Class of the Month, Positive Office Referrals, Most Improved Scholar of the Month, Staff of the Month, and Grannies Choice Award.



Learning Readiness Event!

This event is designed to support our community's families in strengthening **social-emotional development, resilience, safety, and well-being** for children of all ages.



Event Details:

📅 Date & Time:

Saturday, November 2, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM/Thursday, November 7, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

📍 Location:

Alger Middle School
921 Alger St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507

🎯 At this event, you'll have the opportunity to:

- 🔍 Participate in a fun, family-wide **scavenger hunt** with **prizes** for everyone to enjoy!
- 🤝 Meet **local partners** and discover new ways to support your child's development.
- 👥 Engage in hands-on, **family-friendly activities** and **breakout sessions** focused on building learning readiness.
- 🍴 **Enjoy Free Healthy Food!** Locally sourced options provided by **Briez Catering** will be available for all attendees.

Join us in **shaping our children's future** by engaging in meaningful activities and discussions that impact learning and development. Don't miss this chance to **connect with other families and community partners** dedicated to supporting our youth!

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Community Engagement Series - Learning Readiness](#)

PBIS Reward Movie Party

Students who continue to use and practice our school's PBIS expectations, will earn a movie in the gym! The month of November, teachers and staff will be looking for students who are experts at demonstrating R.O.A.R expectations.

Talk to your kids about the importance of following the PBIS Expectations if they want to participate in this celebration.



Thanksgiving Break

November 27, 28 and 29 there is **NO SCHOOL** because is Thanksgiving Break. Scholars stay at home.



Reminders

Lunch Bunch with Ms. Ebony

Each Friday, our middle schoolers are invited to meet during lunch time with Ms. Ebony, our Mental Health Clinician, to learn and discuss different topics on youth mental health to support our scholars

Arrival

- Starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Make sure scholars are not dropped before 8:00 a.m. as there is no supervision until 8:00 a.m.
- General Ed scholars enter via door E.
- Special Ed scholars enter via door C.
- Pre-school scholars enter via door B.

Dismissal

- Starts at 3:28 p.m.
- Parents picking up students must stay in their vehicles until their child/children are directed to exit through door E.
- Please wait outside door A until scholars exit for walkers.
- Please ensure that students are picked up on time for dismissal. The main office should not hold scholars after dismissal time (3:28 p.m.)

Parent Concerns

- Please inform the main office if you have any concerns about your child/children.

- Please do not confront another child/children who are not yours, as it sends the wrong message to the students.
- The safety of all children is our responsibility.

From the DHHS Office

Cheri Birdsall – DHHS Kent County

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MiBridges Login: <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/>

Office hours Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00pm

Services that DHHS may be able to assist with:

Medicaid, Cash Assistance, Food Assistance, Direct Support Services (employment related), State of Emergency relief, and Child Daycare.

Workshops in the Fix-It School- November 2024

1100 S. Division

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

616-241-2601

Weekday:

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

- **Tuesday, November 5**

Locks & Deadbolts

- **Tuesday, November 19**

Home Improvement Planning

- **Monday, November 18**

Women's Only

Saturdays:

10:00 am-noon

- **November 2**

Plumbing

- **November 9**

Drywall & Plaster Repair

- **November 16**

Electrical

- **November 23**

Cabinet Installation

Financial Capabilities Series

Offered via Zoom or in person

www.homerepairservices.org

Session 1: Budgeting, Improving Credit, Debt Reduction, Savings & Students Loans

Session 2: Consumer Protection, Fair Housing & Insurance

- **November Saturday 9 & 16**

9 am-11 am online

Financial Fridays

Register online at: www.homerepairservices.org

Every Friday from 12pm to 1pm

Topics:

Navigating Debt Collections, Property Taxes, Plugging Spending Leaks, Couponing and more!

Offered via Zoom

Money Matters Series

Wednesdays in November

- Budgeting: November 6, 2pm- Online
- Credit: November 13, 2pm- Online
- Buying a Home: November 20, 2pm- Online

www.homerepairservices.org

Breakfast and Lunch Menu

November 2024

GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strudel Stick • Applesauce • Fruit Juice 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrambled Eggs • Apple Cinnamon Muffin • Craisins-Cherry • Fruit Juice 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Sausage & Gravy Bites • Banana • Fruit Juice 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinnamon Pancakes • Pears, canned • Fruit Juice 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBR, Ultimate Breakfast Round • Mandarin Oranges • Fruit Juice
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Blueberry Waffles • Raisins • Fruit Juice 	5 No School	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumpkin Bread • Banana • Fruit Juice 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Bug Bites • Mixed Berry Cup, Frozen • Fruit Juice 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caramel Mini • Sour Raisins-Strawberry • Fruit Juice
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Nutri-Grain Bar • Peaches, Canned • Fruit Juice 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogurt • Cinnamon Granola • Mixed Fruit • Fruit Juice 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Bagel • Orange • Fruit Juice 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinnamon Toast Pastry • Cherries • Fruit Juice 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgian Waffle • Strawberry Cup • Fruit Juice
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal, Variety • Soft Baked Bar • Craisins-Cherry • Fruit Juice 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Omelet • Banana Muffin • Orange • Fruit Juice 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagel Stick-Cinnamon • Sour Raisins-Strawberry • Fruit Juice 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Confetti Pancakes • Peaches, Canned • Fruit Juice 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Pizza-Egg & Bacon • Pears, canned • Fruit Juice
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinni Minis • Craisins-Cherry • Fruit Juice 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Risers Hashbrown • Peaches, Canned • Fruit Juice 	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

Milk Choices: Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk, 1% White

Menus Subject to Change Without Notice School Foodservice programs are facing unprecedented issues with the supply chain that will cause us to alter our posted menus with little or no notice. We are working closely with our distributors & manufacturers to secure both the food & supply items needed to support our program. While it is our intention to serve the posted menu each day at every school, this will not be possible throughout the school year until the supply chain issues are rectified. We will try to substitute the scheduled menu item with another that is as similar as possible. Please know that we will continue to provide nutritious meals every day!

What's In a Breakfast? A full student breakfast includes a choice of 4 items from the following food groups: grains, fruits and milk. Students must choose at least 3 items and one item MUST be a fruit.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meatloaf Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes Sugar Snap Peas Cheeze-Its Peach Cup 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiestada Beef Pizza Baja/Taco Fiesta Black Beans Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Pears, fresh 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bat Chicken Nuggets Cooked Broccoli Sidekick - Cherry Freeze Mixed Fruit Chicken Nuggets 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Kit Baby Carrots Hummus Cup Sliced Apples 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tater Tots Beef Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Salsa Pineapple, canned Goldfish Graham-Cinnamon
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honey BBQ Rib Patty Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Sidewinders Potatoes Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit 	5 No School	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Burger Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Roasted Red Potatoes Celery Cherries President's Crackers 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Taco Meat Cheese, Cheddar Shredded Vegetarian Refried Beans Diced Tomatoes Tortilla Fritos Sliced Apples 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Omelet Hash Brown Rounds Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Orange Apple Cinnamon Muffin
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges, Spicy Celery Mandarin Oranges 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburger Beef Patty Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain American Cheese Slice Baked Beans Tomato Slices Pickle Chips, Dill Applesauce 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza, Cheese stuffed crust Cooked Broccoli Baby Carrots Banana 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta Bake Mozzarella Cheese Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes Peach Cup Garlic Breadstick 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey ham & cheese Calzone Corn Cole Slaw Apple
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Hot Dog Hot Dog Bun Potato Smiles Sidekick - Cherry Freeze Cherries 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Quesadilla Baja/Taco Fiesta Black Beans Salsa Pears, fresh 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Patty Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Cooked Broccoli Mini Sweet Peppers Banana 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple Cinnamon Toast Turkey Sausage Link Veggie Juice-Paradise Punch Strawberry Cup 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange (Tangerine) Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Asian Blend Vegetables Grape Tomatoes Apple
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sloppy Joe Meat Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Baked Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Steak Mashed Potatoes Turkey Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Pumpkin Bread 	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

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Resources for Families

5 things grandparents do for young children

Grandparents can play many important roles in the lives of their beloved young children. Depending on how far away they live and other circumstances, they can be caregivers, teachers and playmates. They are trusted advisors for their adult children who are now parents themselves. For many families, grandparents provide regular child care. In some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandkids. And whether they live nearby or stay in touch from afar, the love and emotional closeness that grandparents provide makes a big, positive impact on their grandchild's healthy development.

All of these roles are important, and there are many more special things grandparents do for their little ones, but here are five to be celebrated:

1. Grandparents give advice.
2. Grandparents teach young children.
3. Grandparents provide child care.
4. Some grandparents are primary caregivers.
5. Grandparents love.



Important Phone Numbers

Mrs. Mateo (Main Office): 616-819-2505
Mrs. Rivera (Principal): 616-819-1649
Mr. James (Dean of Students) 616-819-7759
School Fax: 616-819-2502
Mr. Ryan (Nurse): 616-819-6424
Mr. Kraal (Health Aide): 616-819-1699
Ms. Birdsall (MDHHS): 616-819-3834
Ms. Collins (KSSN): 616-819-2585
Security: 616-819-2100
District Offices: 616-819-2000



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